

Please amend this application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend Claims 1-4, 7-8, and 20 as follows (the changes in these Claims are shown with ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted matter and underlines for added matter). A complete listing of the claims proper claim identifiers is set forth below.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A suspension subframe for a vehicle, said subframe comprising:

a plurality of thin gauged metal tubes ~~standardized~~ suitable for use in vehicle exhaust systems, said thin gauged metal tubes affixed to each other; and

a structural foam material positioned within the thin gauged metal tubes, said structural foam selected from the group consisting of a cartridge-based foam material and a sprayable foam material.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the thin gauged metal tubes have a gauge of less than about 2 mm.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the thin gauged metal tubes have a gauge between about 0.9 mm and about 1.8 mm.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the thin gauged metal tubes have about a 1.5 mm gauge.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the structural foam material is selected from the group of polyurethane-based foams and epoxy-based foams.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the structural foam material is an epoxy-based foam.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the structural foam material is localized at specific points in the thin gauged metal tube.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A suspension subframe for a vehicle, said subframe comprising:

    a plurality of thin gauged metal tubes standardized suitable for use in vehicle exhaust systems, each of said thin gauged metal tubes defined by metal walls having a gauge of about 1.5 mm; and

    an epoxy-based structural foam material positioned within the thin gauged metal tubes, said structural foam material localized at predetermined areas in the thin gauged metal tubes and selected from the group consisting of a cartridge inserted within said thin gauged metal tubes and a structural foam capable of being sprayed.

Claims 9 – 19 (cancelled).

Claim 20 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said structural foam material comprises and able to be cured within thin gauged metal tubes.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 20, wherein said structural foam material is selected from the group of polyurethane-based foams and epoxy-based foams.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said structural foam material comprises an epoxy-based foam.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said structural foam material comprises a structural foam capable of being sprayed.